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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000.  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant  
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number:	09/429,723
Filing Date:	10/29/99
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Group Art Unit:	1661
Examiner Name:	Grunberg, Anne Marie
Attorney Docket No.	BAL6019P011US

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 27 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. Changes to the Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a.  Previously submitted:
  - i.  Consider the Amendment(s)/Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed:
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement
  - iv.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

For	No. Filed	No. Allowed	No. Extra	Small Entity		Large Entity	
				Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee					\$385.00		
Total Claims	35	- 20 =	15	x \$9.00	\$		
Indep. Claims	2	- 3 =		x \$43.00	\$		
Multiple Dependent Claims Present				+ \$145.00	\$		
				TOTAL	\$		
				OR			
				OR	x \$18.00	\$270.00	
				OR	x \$86.00	\$	
				OR	+ \$290.00	\$	
				OR	TOTAL	\$1040.00	

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18.  A check in the amount of \$1040.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.

i.  RCE filing fee  
 Extension of time fee  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_.

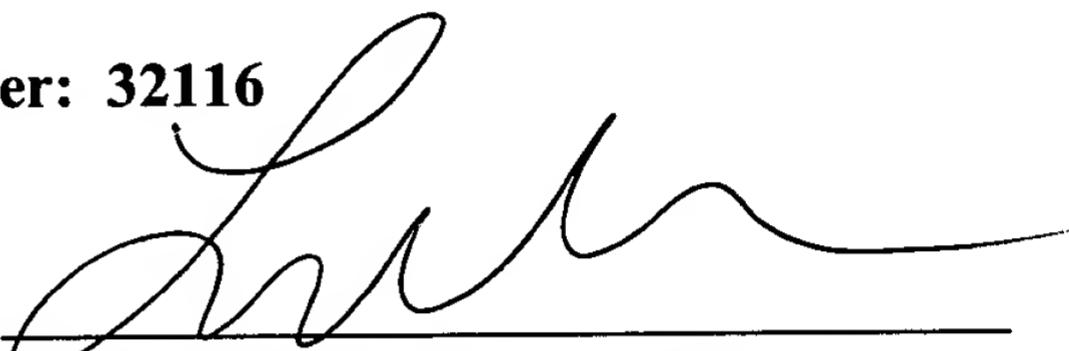
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this Request For Continued Examination Transmittal and any other documents referred to as enclosed herein, are being deposited in an envelope with the United States Postal Service "First Class Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated below and addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

Date of Deposit:	October 17, 2003
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